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KINGTON URBAN DISTRICT

Herefordshire  
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Joint

A N N U A L R E P O R T

of the

Medical Officer of Health

and of the

Public Health Inspector

for the year 1961  
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No record of ice cream samples



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(As at 31st December 1961)

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To the Chairman and Members of the Kington Urban  
District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Madam, Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report for the year 1961, together with the report of the Public Health Inspector.

#### Vital Statistics and Infectious Disease

As the figures are small and show wide variations from year to year, too much reliance cannot be placed on those for any one year, but it is interesting to note that the adjusted death rate fell even lower than last year, and, for the first time, the unadjusted rate was below that for England and Wales.

Otherwise nothing of special note was recorded during the year.

#### Public Health Inspector's Report

It is with great satisfaction that we can record the coming into service of the new sewage works, now probably the best in the County, which replaces the old and unsatisfactory system previously used.

Mr. Allen's report shows considerable progress being made in all sections under sanitation and under housing, and should be read by the members with some satisfaction.

G.D.K. NEEDHAM

Medical Officer of Health

STATISTICS AND VITAL STATISTICS OF THE AREA

Area (in acres) .. .. .	857
Estimated mid-year home population .. .. .	1,840
Average number of persons per acre .. .. .	2.1
Number of inhabited houses .. .. .	676
Average number of inhabited houses per acre .. .. .	0.8
Average number of persons per house .. .. .	2.7
Rateable Value .. .. .	£20,305
Sum represented by a Penny Rate .. .. .	£78

LIVE AND STILL BIRTHSLive Births

	Males	Female	Total
Legitimate .. .. .	18	13	31
Illegitimate .. .. .	-	1	1
	<u>18</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>32</u>

Live Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population:

Area comparability factor 1.08	1961	1960	1959	1958	1957
Kington U.D. (Crude) ..	17.4	15.4	14.7	12.4	18.5
" " (Adjusted) ..	18.8	16.6	15.9	13.4	19.9
England and Wales ..	17.4	17.1	16.5	16.4	16.1

Illegitimate Live Births

Per cent of total live births:

Kington U.D. ..	3.1
England and Wales ..	5.9

Still Births

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate .. .. .	-	-	-
Illegitimate .. .. .	-	-	-

Still Birth Rate per 1,000 total live and still births:

	1961	1960	1959	1958	1957
Kington U.D. ..	Nil	Nil	Nil	80.0	Nil
England and Wales ..	19.1	19.8	21.0	21.6	22.4

Total Live and Still Births

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate .. .. .	18	13	31
Illegitimate .. .. .	-	1	1
	<u>18</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>32</u>

INFANT DEATH RATESEarly Neonatal MortalityDeaths of Infants under 1 week old

			Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	..	..	-	1	1
Illegitimate	..	..	-	-	-

Early Neonatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births:

Kington U.D.	..	..	31.2
England and Wales	..	figure not yet available	

Neonatal MortalityDeaths of Infants under 4 weeks old

			Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	..	..	-	1	1
Illegitimate	..	..	-	-	-

Neonatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births:

Kington U.D.	..	..	31.2
England and Wales	..		15.5

Perinatal MortalityStill Births and Deaths of Infants under 1 week old

			Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	..	..	-	1	1
Illegitimate	..	..	-	-	-

Perinatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live and still births:

Kington U.D.	..	..	31.2
England and Wales	..		32.2

Infant MortalityDeaths of Infants under 1 year of age

			Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	..	..	-	1	1
Illegitimate	..	..	-	-	-
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			-	1	1
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Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 related live births:

		1961	1960	1959	1958	1957
Kington U.D.	(Total	31.2	35.7	37.0	86.9	29.4
	(Legitimate	32.2	37.0	37.0	95.2	29.4
	(Illegitimate	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
England & Wales	(Total	21.6	21.9	22.2	22.5	23.1
	(Legitimate	≠	21.5	21.9	22.3	22.8
	(Illegitimate	≠	26.4	27.4	27.8	30.0

≠ figures not yet available

### MATERNAL MORTALITY

Total number of Maternal Deaths .. Nil

Maternal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live and still births:

Kington U.D. .. Nil  
England and Wales .. 0.33

### DEATHS

	Males	Females	Total
Total number of deaths from all causes:	11	10	21

Death Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population:

		1961	1960	1959	1958	1957
Kington U.D. (Crude)	..	11.4	15.4	19.0	16.2	14.7
" " (Adjusted)	..	7.0	9.7	13.5	12.3	11.4
England and Wales	..	12.0	11.5	11.6	11.7	11.5

Area comparability factor: 0.62

### Cancer

	Males	Females	Total
Total deaths from Malignant Disease:	3	3	6

Cancer Death Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population:

		1961	1960	1959	1958	1957
Kington U.D. ..	..	3.26	2.20	3.80	2.22	4.35
England and Wales	..	2.15	2.16	2.14	2.12	2.09

### Cardio-Vascular Disease

	Males	Females	Total
Total deaths from Cardio-Vascular Disease:	6	5	11

Cardio-Vascular Disease Death Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population:

		1961	1960	1959	1958	1957
Kington U.D. ..	..	5.98	13.19	9.78	5.40	6.52
England and Wales	..	6.10	6.00	5.88	6.07	5.84

Respiratory Disease (excluding Tuberculosis)

				Males	Females	Total	
Total deaths from Respiratory Disease:				2	—	2	
Respiratory Disease Death Rate per 1,000				estimated mid-year			
				home population:			
			1961	1960	1959	1958	1957
Kington U.D.	..	..	1.09	1.64	3.26	3.78	1.63
England and Wales	..	..	1.60	1.26	1.53	1.37	1.38

CAUSES OF DEATH (all ages)

Disease	Males	Females	Total
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	-	1	1
Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	1	1
Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms	3	1	4
Vascular lesions of nervous system	-	1	1
Coronary disease, angina	3	2	5
Other heart disease	1	2	3
Other circulatory disease	2	-	2
Pneumonia	1	-	1
Bronchitis	1	-	1
Congenital malformations	-	1	1
Accidents, other than motor vehicle	-	1	1
TOTAL:	11	10	21



NOTIFICATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE - KINGTON U.D.

Disease	1961	1960	1959	1958	1957
Whooping Cough	-	1	-	-	-
Measles	52	-	43	-	2
Scarlet Fever	1	-	-	1	11
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	6
Acute Pneumonia	1	-	-	-	-
Tuberculosis:					
Pulmonary	1	-	1	-	1
Non-Pulmonary	-	-	1	-	-

NOTIFICATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE - NORTH HEREFORDSHIRE

Whooping Cough	126	70	38	39	192
Measles	583	189	388	258	144
Scarlet Fever	11	23	46	28	71
Erysipelas	3	4	4	2	7
Acute Encephalitis:					
Infective	1	3	-	-	-
Post-Infectious	-	1	-	-	-
Acute Pneumonia	18	18	33	14	49
Dysentery	62	123	3	16	38
Food Poisoning	11	39	3	5	10
Paratyphoid Fever	-	-	-	1	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	-	-	2	3
Tuberculosis:					
Pulmonary	9	7	13	7	33
Non-Pulmonary	2	3	2	3	4
Acute Poliomyelitis:					
Paralytic	-	-	-	-	12
Non-Paralytic	-	-	-	-	14

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED IN NORTH HEREFORDSHIRE DURING THE YEAR 1961

Disease	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	TOTAL
Whooping Cough	9	23	15	29	32	11	13	-	2	-	2	-	126
Measles	19	62	218	86	50	37	38	22	16	17	18	-	583
Scarlet Fever	-	1	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	5	1	1	11
Erysipelas	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Acute Encephalitis:													
Infective	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Acute Pneumonia	5	5	-	1	1	2	-	-	1	1	1	1	18
Dysentery	-	2	17	9	17	7	1	-	5	4	-	-	62
Food Poisoning	-	-	4	-	-	-	1	-	2	1	2	1	11
Tuberculosis:													
Pulmonary	1	1	1	2	-	1	-	-	1	1	1	-	9
Non-Pulmonary	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1

COMPARATIVE CASE RATES FOR CERTAIN INFECTIOUS DISEASESNOTIFIED DURING 1961

Disease	North Here- fordshire	England & Wales
Whooping Cough	3.47	0.53
Measles	16.08	16.52
Scarlet Fever	0.30	0.43
Erysipelas	0.08	0.05
Acute Encephalitis:		
Infective	0.03	0.003
Acute Pneumonia	0.49	0.40
Dysentery	1.71	0.44
Food Poisoning	0.30	0.17
* Puerperal Pyrexia	1.71	0.01
Tuberculosis:		
Pulmonary	0.25	0.42
Non-Pulmonary	0.06	0.06

\* per 1,000 Total (Live and Still) Births

TUBERCULOSIS

	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	Males	Females	Males	Females
Number on Register at 31st December, 1960.	9	8	2	3
New cases notified	-	1	-	-
Moved into district	1	-	-	-
Moved out of district	-	-	-	1
Recovered	3	1	-	-
Number on Register at 31st December, 1961.	7	8	2	2



TUBERCULOSIS (Continued)

Year	New Notifications	Total cases on Register	Deaths	Recoveries
1957	1	22	Nil	Nil
1958	Nil	18	Nil	2
1959	2	18	Nil	2
1960	Nil	22	Nil	Nil
1961	1	19	Nil	4

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948, Section 47  
NATIONAL ASSISTANCE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1951

No action needed to be taken under this section during the year.

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S SECTION OF REPORTWATER SUPPLY

The source of this supply is a spring at Crooked Well, augmented during periods of shortage from a nearby borehole. The water supply is pumped from these two sources into a reservoir, and from this point it gravitates to the consumers.

The water supply has remained reasonably satisfactory in quantity during the year: the exception being at the end of December when the consumption of water increased due to wastage from burst pipes following the prolonged spell of very cold weather. At this time difficulty was experienced in keeping a satisfactory level of water in the reservoir.

To ascertain the quality of the water, samples were taken from the piped supply after chlorination, and submitted for bacteriological examination. Seven samples were taken, and they were all found to be satisfactory.

No. of houses supplied by public water mains direct to house	..	636
No. of houses supplied by public water mains by means of standpipes	..	6
No. of houses supplied by private undertakings	..	7
No. of houses supplied by wells and springs	..	6

SWIMMING BATHS

There is no public swimming bath in the district.

DRAINAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

In the summer of this year the new sewage disposal works became operative.

Samples of the effluent were taken at three points of its treatment: (1) raw effluent, (2) after sedimentation, and (3) final effluent. Initially the final effluent was not up to a satisfactory standard, and it was found necessary to recirculate more of the effluent and mix it with the incoming sewage. The need for this additional recirculation was due to the amount and strength of the laundry effluent in the sewage. Further samples taken in the latter part of the year showed the effluent to be highly satisfactory, and satisfying the standards laid down in the eighth report of the Royal Commission on Sewage Disposal.

No. of houses connected to public sewers	..	566
No. of houses connected to satisfactory private disposal works	..	45
No. of houses using chemical, pail or earth closets, with satisfactory disposal	..	44
No. of houses using chemical, pail or earth closets, with unsatisfactory disposal	..	Nil

Improvements have been carried out to several private drains connecting properties to the sewers, following formal and informal action.

REFUSE COLLECTION

A weekly collection of household refuse for properties in the area is maintained. Business properties in the centre of the town have their refuse removed twice a week. A kerbside collection is operated and carried out by direct labour.

A new refuse collection vehicle (a B.M.C. Commercial 2 ton F.C. Chassis, with Eagle body, capacity 10 cu. yds) was purchased. This vehicle was larger than the previous one, but it has proved a very wise purchase in view of the increased amount of refuse to be collected.

Controlled tipping is now being carried out on the disused sewage disposal contact beds, but the amount of ground available is very limited. The Council should decide, in principle, whether they are going to continue burning some of the refuse, as the condition of the existing incinerator is deteriorating rapidly. If burning is to continue, extensive improvement work should be carried out to the incinerator.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

This year saw the completion of the new block of public conveniences for both sexes in the Recreation Ground, and the extension of the ladies conveniences in Mill Street.

Whilst the improved condition of the conveniences in Mill Street was appreciated (especially by visitors to the town), it was unfortunate that wilful damage occurred to fittings and equipment installed in the new block of conveniences in the Recreation Ground.

RODENT CONTROL

The Council continued to provide a disinfection service to private and business properties, treatments to private dwellings being carried out free of charge.

HOUSINGSlum Clearance

During the year "undertakings" were received in respect of 12 properties, following action taken in terms of Section 16 of the Housing Act, 1957. Other sub-standard properties have been, or are being, brought up to a fit standard, or completely modernised.

Out of the original list of 42 seriously sub-standard houses, there now remain only 19 houses to be dealt with. A further list of sub-standard properties in the district was considered, and it was decided to add 17 more houses to the original list of seriously sub-standard properties, making a revised total of 36 properties to be dealt with during the next five year period.

Council Houses

During the year 5 houses in Park Avenue were modernised, these houses now having five basic improvements listed in the House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959. A further 4 houses are being considered for modernisation.

Work on the new Council houses at Crooked Well proceeded very slowly. The Council agreed to occupy these dwellings in blocks as and when they became ready for occupation. At the end of the year 6 two-bedroom houses and 28 three-bedroom houses were occupied, leaving a further 12 one-bedroom flats to be completed.

Private building

The erection of 8 houses was completed during the year.



HOUSING (Continued)Improvement Grants (Discretionary)

Four applications were received for discretionary improvement grants. Below are figures comparing the number of grants with those for previous years.

	1961	1960	1959	1958
No. of grants approved	4	7	5	3
Amount of grants approved	£985	£2190	£760	£500

Improvement Grants (Standard)

Four applications were received for standard grants, and these were approved. Below are figures comparing the number of grants with those for previous years.

	1961	1960	1959
No. of grants approved	4	2	1

FOOD PREMISES AND FOOD INSPECTION

The food premises are summarised as follows:

Dairies	1
Slaughterhouses	1
Butcher's shops	4
Bakehouses	4
Ice-cream premises	9
Cafes, Public Houses, Stores, etc.	35
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Ice-cream Regulations

An additional property was registered for the storage and sale of ice-cream, and one registration was cancelled. Only pre-packed ice-cream is sold in the district.

Slaughterhouses

During the year alterations and improvements were made to the slaughterhouse, and by the end of the year it complied with the new regulations with the exception of the installation of a stunning pen. Arrangements were been made for the stunning pen to be installed in the following year.

Other Food Premises

Further improvements were carried out to food premises in the district so as to comply with existing regulations. This applies in particular to one public house, one butcher's shop, and to one bakery.

Meat Inspection and Condemnation

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed and inspected	16	58	-	264	108
<u>All diseases except Tuber- culosis and Cysticerci</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	6	1
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	2	6	-	8	2
<u>Tuberculosis and Cysticerci</u>					
Whole carcasses or part condemned	-	-	-	-	-

The cause of condemnation of the six sheep was: extensive and severe buising, general emaciation, and one carcass which had been brought to the slaughterhouse minus head and offal. The cause of condemnation of the pig was due to the carcass smelling strongly of physic to such an extent as to render the meat repulsive.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 to 1959Inspections

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(1) Factories in which Sec.1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be en- forced by L.A.	18	18	2	-
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Sec. 7 is enforced by L.A.	23	23	-	-

Cases in which defects were found

	<u>Found</u>	<u>Remedied</u>
Insufficient Sanitary Accommodation	2	1
Provision of washing facilities	2	1





